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Division

05 Abduction, harassment and other offences against the person

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Division 05 - Abduction, harassment and other offences against the person

Acts intended to threaten or harass, or acts that unlawfully deprive another person of their freedom of movement, that are against that person's will or against the will of any parent, guardian or other person having lawful custody or care of that person.

This division is further disaggregated into subdivisions on the basis of whether the offence involved abduction, deprivation of liberty, harassment or threatening behaviour.

Offences in this division are classified into the following subdivisions:

051 Abduction and kidnapping

052 Deprivation of liberty/false imprisonment

053 Harassment and threatening behaviour

Inclusions:

Abduct for sexual or other purposes (where known)

Exclusions:

Sexual servitude offences. These are coded to Group 0323, Sexual servitude offences.

Subdivision

051 Abduction and kidnapping

Subdivision 051 Abduction and kidnapping

The unlawful confinement of a person against that person's will, or against the will of any parent, guardian or other person having lawful custody or care of that person.

This subdivision is not further disaggregated.

Offences in this subdivision are classified into the following group:

0511 Abduction and kidnapping

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The unlawful taking away or confinement of a person against that person's will, or against the will of any parent, guardian or other person having lawful custody or care of that person.

Inclusions:

Abduct with sexual intent

Abduct with intent to marry

Kidnap for ransom/gain

Attempt or threat of abduction

Exclusions:

Take a hostage in a robbery/siege situation where the hostage is not transported to a different location. These are coded to Group 0521, Deprivation of liberty/false imprisonment.

Sexual servitude offences. These are coded to Group 0323, Sexual servitude offences.

Subdivision

052 Deprivation of liberty/false imprisonment

Subdivision 052 Deprivation of liberty/false imprisonment

The unlawful confinement of a person against that person's will, or against the will of any parent, guardian or other person having lawful custody or care of that person, and not involving the taking away of the person.

This subdivision is not further disaggregated.

Offences in this subdivision are classified into the following group:

0521 Deprivation of liberty/false imprisonment

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The unlawful confinement of a person against that person's will, or against the will of any parent, guardian or other person having lawful custody or care of that person, and not involving the taking away of the person.

Inclusions:

Take a hostage in a robbery/siege situation where the hostage is not transported to a different location.

Exclusions:

Sexual servitude offences. These are coded to Group 0323, Sexual servitude offences.

Subdivision

053 Harassment and threatening behaviour

Subdivision 053 Harassment and threatening behaviour

Actions that harass or are intended to harass, threaten or invade the privacy of an individual, not amounting to an assault, sexual assault, stalking, blackmail or extortion. The action can be face-to-face, written, or made through a carriage service (e.g. phone, computer etc.).

This subdivision is further disaggregated on the basis of whether the offences involved harassment, or were of a threatening nature.

Offences in this subdivision are classified into the following groups:

0531 Harassment and private nuisance

0532 Threatening behaviour

0531 Harassment and private nuisance

Actions that harass or are intended to harass an individual, not amounting to an assault, sexual assault, stalking, blackmail or extortion.

Inclusions:

Nuisance phone calls

Sexual harassment (not amounting to assault, sexual assault or stalking)

Harassment where there is no indication that the behaviour is intended to cause physical or mental harm, or arouse apprehension or fear.

Exclusions:

Stalking. These are coded to Group 0291, Stalking.

Actions intended to cause physical or mental harm to the victim or to arouse apprehension or fear in the victim for his or her own safety. These are coded to Group 0291, Stalking.

0532 Threatening behaviour

Declaration of intention to punish or hurt, to injure body, property or reputation, or give warning of intention to inflict harm or revenge, orally via the telephone or taped recordings, using a computer, or in writing.

Inclusions:

Threat to cause fire or explosion

Threats to murder or injure that are not face-to-face where there is no belief that these threats could be enacted

Threat to destroy or damage property

Bomb threat

Exclusions:

Direct (face-to-face) threats where it is believed that the threat could be enacted. This constitutes assault and is coded to the relevant groups within Division 02, Acts intended to cause injury.

Blackmail and extortion. These are coded to Group 0621, Blackmail and extortion.

Destruction of, or damage to, property. These are coded to the relevant groups within Subdivision 121, Property damage.